

March 17, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Docket No. 2015-144-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") hereby requests approval of a Termination Agreement and of new a CNG Fuel Purchase Agreement ("CNG Agreement") (collectively, "Agreements") between Piedmont and EVO Transportation & Energy Services, Inc. ("EVO"), successor to Sheehy Mail Contractors, Inc. ("Sheehy"). The CNG Agreement provides EVO with compressed natural gas fuel service pursuant to Piedmont's Rate Schedule 242. Piedmont represents that no other customer will be impacted by the CNG Agreement or the Termination Agreement and that the Agreements are in the public interest and should be approved. Piedmont respectfully requests approval of the Agreements at the Commission's earliest convenience.

The Agreements are confidential in nature and, therefore, Piedmont hereby designates them as such and as the proprietary trade secrets of Piedmont pursuant to S.C. Code § 58-4-55.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions about this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jasmine K. Gardner
Jasmine K. Gardner

JHJ/sko

cc: ORS
Bruce Barkley
Pia Powers

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2015-144-G

In the Matter of:)	
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Petition of Piedmont Natural)	PETITION
Gas Company, Inc. for Approval)	
of a Compressed Natural Gas)	
Fuel Purchase Agreement)	
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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”), through counsel, hereby requests approval by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) of a CNG Fuel Services Termination Agreement (“Termination Agreement”) and a new CNG Fuel Purchase Agreement (“New Fuel Agreement”) between Piedmont and EVO Transportation & Energy Services, Inc. (“EVO”). In support of this Petition, Piedmont respectfully shows unto the Commission as follows:

1. It is respectfully requested that any notices or other communications with respect to this Petition be sent to:

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2. Piedmont is a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation and is engaged in the business of transporting, distributing and selling natural gas in the states of South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. Piedmont is a public utility under the laws of this State, and its public utility operations in South Carolina are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

3. On April 22, 2015, in this docket, the Commission approved a Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Purchase Agreement (“Original Agreement”) between Piedmont and Sheehy Mail Contractors, Inc. (“Sheehy”) which provided compressed natural gas (“CNG”) fuel purchase services to Sheehy under Piedmont’s Rate Schedule 242.

4. Piedmont subsequently renegotiated a new agreement with Sheehy that allowed Sheehy to qualify for rebates across a small tiered matrix of usage set out in Piedmont’s standard CNG rebate matrix (“Renegotiated Agreement”).¹

5. In 2019, EVO purchased Sheehy. Following EVO’s acquisition of Sheehy, Piedmont and EVO discussed the possibility of expanding EVO’s CNG utilization within Piedmont’s service territories. As a result of these discussions, EVO increased the number of CNG trucks within Piedmont’s service territories, which in turn, placed EVO into a new tiered rebate level.

6. On March 1, 2020, EVO, as successor to Sheehy, and Piedmont executed the New Fuel Agreement so that EVO’s affiliated entities would be covered under applicable fuel rebate terms. In conjunction with the execution of the New Fuel Agreement, the Parties wish to terminate the Renegotiated Agreement.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibits A and B is the New Fuel Agreement and the Termination Agreement, respectively. Piedmont considers the material terms of the Termination Agreement and the New Fuel Agreement to be confidential and proprietary trade secrets of Piedmont and hereby designates them as such and requests that they be treated in a manner consistent with this designation.

¹ See Commission Directive dated August 1, 2018, approving Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Services Termination Agreement and New Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Purchase Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission approve, to be effective in accordance with their terms, the Termination Agreement and the New Fuel Agreement by and between Piedmont and EVO attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of March, 2020.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

/s/ Jasmine K. Gardner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date upon all of the parties to this docket electronically or by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Prepaid, at the addresses contained in the official service list in this proceeding.

This the 17th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Sloane K. O'Hare

Sloane K. O'Hare